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Masked Men Take Money From Truck Belonging to Fed- eral Reserve Bank.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 18.—Every peace officer in Colorado tonight is combing the highways leading from Denver in search of the masked bandits who shortly after 10:40 o'clock this morning shot and killed Charles Linton, guard of the Denver branch of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank, stole \$200,000 in paper currency and escaped after waging a gun fight with armed guards on duty at the United States mint. The money was being transferred from the mint to a delivery truck of the reserve bank standing at the curb, and was in fifty packages of \$4,000 each. All of the money was in \$5 denomination.

Police expect to be aided in their search for the escaped bandits by the fact that one—apparently the leader—was shot seriously, if not mortally, by a government guard on duty at the mint as the bandit turned to fire a final volley at the guards as the car sped away from the scene of the holdup. An automobile carrying seven men, two wearing masks and one drooping over the edge of the machine, bleeding profusely, was reported to police as having been seen speeding northward out of the city shortly after the robbery. Police riot cars were dispatched in pursuit of this car.

Police Armed With Riot Guns.

Denver police unhesitatingly declared the robbery was the largest and most sensational daylight holdup ever executed in Colorado.

All patrolmen and detectives of the local police department have been armed with riot guns and are being assisted in the

search by county and federal authorities. The disregard of the bandits for human life marks the robbery, according to police, as one of the most determined in police annals. With sawedoff shotguns two of the bandits bombarded the front door of the mint as they leaped from their automobile. Fifty government employes, summoned by an alarm bell, seized shotguns and rushed to the doors or windows of the mint, shooting at the hold-up men, who returned the fire and calmly proceeded to load the fifty packages of currency in their own car.

Fusillades of shots ripped through buildings across the street and spat against granite walls as the guards and bandits exchanged shots.

The four members of the Federal Reserve Bank crew employed in the transfer of the funds (J. E. Olson, cashier; C. T. Lynton, J. Adams and William Havener) had just left the entrance of the mint and were walking toward their machine, standing near the curbing, when another car, containing the bandits, drove up alongside of the wire-enclosed truck.

According to witnesses, two or three men carrying guns leaped from the car, and with shouts of "Hands up," opened fire on the reserve bank employes.

Guard Dies at Hospital.

The shooting attracted the attention of guards within the mint, who sounded the alarm to other inside employes and then rushed out upon the steps of the government building to shoot at the robbers.

Linton, according to information obtained by police after the questioning of several eyewitnesses, attempted to throw the money into the grilled back compartment of the reserve truck at the holdup's command, and he was shot by the leader of the bandits. Linton fell to the pavement, but managed to crawl to the sidewalk, where he lay during the course of the fight.

Following the escape of the highwaymen Linton was removed to the county hospital, where he died without regaining con-

sciousness.

Employes and government guards employed at the mint were afraid to shoot freely at the bandits for fear that they might kill members of the reserve bank crew.

Their work of transferring the currency which they had taken from the guard to their own car completed, the bandits reentered their automobile amid a rain of bullets from guards in the second story of the mint, and sped east on Colfax avenue toward the civic center.

As they gathered impetus the leader of the highwaymen, standing on the running board, turned toward the government building as though to fire a final volley at the guards. As he did so Peter Kiedinger, a guard, who was on duty at the main entrance, fired with a rifle at the bandit, who was seen to crumple up on the running board and was pulled inside the car by the driver.

JUST A WORD WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS

The Courier is again glad to report a large list of subscription renewals. The list is larger this week than last, which may be attributed to the nearness of the holiday season. We repeat that we are deeply appreciative of the large number of subscribers who renew year after year, and we are no less appreciative of the new ones. Thank you. Call again.

Among the number calling to renew or subscribe, or sending in their renewals and subscriptions, since last issue are the following:

J. C. Thames, Crockett Rt. 1.
Milton Thomas, Dallas.
Mrs. W. L. Dean, Huntsville.
J. S. Bitner, Lovelady Rt. 2.
J. F. Reynolds, Malakoff.
J. H. Ferguson, Grapeland Rt. 1.

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Clinton Montgomery, New Caney.

W. F. Rayburn, Lovelady.
Mrs. T. H. Phipps, Lovelady.
G. B. Milliken, Lovelady Rt. 2.
Mrs. J. C. Ragsdale, Waco.

Epworth League Program

For Sunday, December 24, at 6:15 p. m.:

Leader, Mrs. Box.
Opening song, No. 4.
Prayer.

Song: "Joy to the World," No. 227.

League topic: How to Have Christmas all the Year.

Scripture lesson No. 1, Luke 2: 8-21—Tom Hobson.

No. 2, Matthew 2:1-2—Corrine Schmidt.

Roll call and minutes—by Lucy Roye Deupree.

Solo—Odelle McGee.

How We Should Spend Christmas—Stanley Hall.

What is the Christmas Spirit—Katherine Cook.

Song—Silent Night.

Report from last League topic—Henson Bymun.

Announcements.

League benediction.

Epworth League will give a box supper at men's Bible class room Thursday, December 29, at 7 p. m.

Alta Stokes, Reporter.

SOME NEWS OF THE CROCKETT OIL FIELD

The Driskell well near Crockett is down 3150 feet and going deeper. This well, when recently washed, made such a fine showing of oil tracing that the drillers were encouraged to again set the bit in motion. Reaming was recently completed.

The Porter well at Crockett is between 2700 and 2800 feet in depth and drilling. Some very favorable formations, indicating the nearness of oil, were penetrated by the drill stem Monday. It is said the indications improve as the bit goes deeper.

The Porter Springs well is shut down for lack of water. It is said that this well, which is approaching 2000 feet, will remain closed down until after the holidays and then until a good rain is had.

Death of an Old Citizen.

In the death of Mr. William A. Eddy Houston county loses one of its oldest and most respected citizens. Mr. Eddy died at his home a few miles west of Crockett Tuesday afternoon. The remains were laid to rest in the Porter Springs cemetery Wednesday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. F. Tenney, Mr. Eddy being a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Eddy came to Houston county many years ago from one of the older states. With his kindly nature and generous dealing he soon won the esteem of his neighbors, among whom he

continued to reside from the time of his arrival until his death. His was an upright, Christian life, full of sympathy and help for those in trouble and an open hand always for the needy. We do not know Mr. Eddy's age, but he was one of the county's oldest and most respected citizens.

Mr. Eddy was preceded in death a few years ago by his wife, who was his helpmate not only in word but in deed. At his death he leaves a son and two daughters, who have the sympathy of their neighbors in their bereavement.

Christmas Wedding Announced.

Invitations as follows have been received by friends in Crockett and elsewhere: "Mrs. Byrde E. Wootters requests the pleasure of your company at the marriage of her daughter, Delha Mildred, to Mr. Samuel Weldon Craddock on Thursday, the twenty-eighth of December, at eight-thirty o'clock in the evening, Crockett, Texas." The bride is one of Crockett's prettiest and most popular young ladies, and the news of her coming marriage will be received with large interest, not only in her home city, but in other parts of the country as well. The coming bridegroom, Mr. Craddock, is a Crockett-reared young business man, but has been making his home in Houston recently. He is popular with his associates and comes, as does his bride, from one of Crockett's oldest and most prominent families. The friends of the bride and groom will be glad to know that the latter are going to make their home in Crockett.

Merry Christmas

With full appreciation of the many courtesies shown during the past year

We extend our best wishes for a

Merry Christmas and a

Happy New Year.

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Not because it is an honored custom, but because of the sincerity of my appreciation, I take this opportunity to thank you for the part you have played in my business prosperity.

Your kind co-operation has contributed materially to my success, which I prize beyond measure, and I shall seek to merit your continued confidence, and my aim shall be to serve you faithfully in the future.

I extend the Season's Greetings and wish for you a most Prosperous and Happy New Year.

C. H. CALLAWAY

Yuletide Greetings

Very heartily do we thank you for the many kindnesses you have bestowed upon us during the year 1922. Very naturally our hearts swell with pride at the expression of your continued confidence and good will, and let us assure you that we shall continue our business on the same basis as heretofore—MERIT, ABILITY and EFFICIENCY.

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A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours from

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Quality—Dependability—Service

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

At any rate, it will be a short Christmas.

John L. Dean is visiting relatives at Jourdanton.

Lanier Edmiston was in Dallas the first of this week.

Mrs. J. B. Ellis is visiting her granddaughter in Houston.

W. H. Denny Jr of Houston is here for the holiday season.

Ede Bennett has returned from business college in Houston.

Stokes is at home from vacation for the holiday season.

Miss Eddie Downes of Houston is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. V. Berry.

Miss Sue Powers is at home from Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

For Sale.

A 6-room house. Apply to J. L. Arledge. 4t.

Miss Katy Lacy is at home from Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

Miss Katie King is at home from Texas University for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. F. P. Chandler of Houston is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry.

Calvin P. Dorman and family of Dallas are visiting relatives in and near Crockett.

Miss Erin Tunstall of Houston will spend Christmas week with her parents in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ragsdale of Waco will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry.

Roderick Hatchell of Atlanta, Ga., will spend the holidays with relatives and friends in Crockett.

Miss Marie Williams of Houston will be with friends in Crockett until after the holidays.

We have a special line of new Folders and fancy Picture Frames for Christmas. Come and see them. 4t. The Warren Studio.

Miss Hilda Burton returned Saturday from her visit to Memphis, Tenn., and Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Castleberg and Misses Earle and Euda Castleberg are here from Dallas for the holidays.

John Cook of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, is spending the holiday vacation with his parents in this city.

Mr. Peyton Tunstall, while plowing last week, had the misfortune to break two ribs, but, we are glad to say, he is able to be out.

Clinton Montgomery, teaching at New Caney, Montgomery county, will spend his holiday vacation at the old home in Houston county.

Any kind of stove or heater wood at any time. Phone 189; after first of year, mail me your order at Crockett. 2t.* F. H. Butler.

Your Photo Greeting will be treasured long after the other gifts have been set aside and forgotten. 3t. The Warren Studio.

When the Mistletoe Hangs High.

While the mistletoe hangs high, it is useless to urge the lurking possibilities of the osculation germ.

Christmas Stockings.

Christmas stockings, according to the family breadwinner, not only grow larger but multiply at a rapid rate.

For Rent.

Five large rooms down stairs or four upstairs, furnished or unfurnished. 1t. Mrs. W. M. Patton.

Remember the poor and needy. Give of your substance, that there may be none without sustenance on the day of days. Christ gave his all that we might be enriched by his sacrifice. The unfortunate may be cheered by a slight sacrifice from us.

To see perfectly, see Dr. Shelfer at W. P. Bishop's drug store Friday and Saturday, December 22 and 23rd. Eyes examined, glasses fitted, prices right. Last trip this year. Give him or her a Christmas present worth while. 1t.

Cotton Report.

There were 23,540 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1922 prior to December 1, 1922, compared with 12,409 bales ginned to December 1, 1921, according to report of E. B. Hale, government agent.

Dr. G. W. Shelfer, optometrist, of Dallas will be with me again, for the last time this year, Friday and Saturday, December 22 and 23rd; and remember, please, you could not give any member of your family or friend a more lasting and beneficial present than a pair of good glasses. Phone me for appointment. 1t. W. P. Bishop, Druggist.

Store Improvements.

The Chamberlain drug store last week added a beautiful, modern display show case and this week installed an improved sanitary soda fountain of modern design. This drug store has

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other improvements in contemplation that will place it in a class belonging to cities much larger than Crockett.

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Extends Christmas Greetings

to all. Come out and let us help you make merry with a remarkably strong program all week. You can't afford to miss any one of these.

MATINEE EVERY DAY THIS WEEK AT 3:30

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Wallace Reid in

"Across the Continent"

The most thrilling and funniest of all the Reid racing romances. With Wally at his best and a great supporting cast, including Theodore Roberts and Mary MacLaren. Admission 15c and 30c.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26 & 27

Cecil B. DeMille Production

"Fool's Paradise"

With Dorothy Dalton, Mildred Harris, Conrad Nagel, Theodore Kosloff, John Davidson and Julia Faye. A dance hall queen in a Mexican oil town. A penniless youth, blinded. A petted dancer, with Europe at her feet. A gambling "greaser" whose dagger was his law. All strangely caught up in a story that starts in underworld strife, then grows and grows, through stately temples, gorgeous palaces, shimmering beauty and wealth, to lavish proportions never equalled on stage or screen. An avalanche of perfect entertainment.

Admission Tuesday and Wednesday, 20c and 40c.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Ruth Clifford in

"The Amazing Woman"

Crucified by man on the Cross of Lust, "The Amazing Woman" turned mankind into a plaything of revenge.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

"The Beauty Shop"

Created by Cosmopolitan productions. A Paramount Picture

With Raymond Hitchcock and an all star cast. The aristocrat of comedy-romances. A gay whirl of pretty girls, frisky dancing, love-making—and more fun than a dozen ordinary comedies combined.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

"Is Matrimony a Failure?"

With T. Roy Barnes, Lila Lee, Lois Wilson and Walter Hiers.

Eight respectable wives and husbands who had been keeping house—and then a smart lawyer chap told them they'd never really been married at all. Imagine the fun. But you can't imagine it till you've grinned and laughed and roared at this gayest of all feature comedies. They are big and strong.

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EVERY CHRISTMAS BIGGER EVERY YEAR

Day Means More to Greater Number — Boundaries Extended Year After Year.

In uncounted pulpits and on a multitude of printed pages this Christmas day will be made the subject of glowing pictures of the progress of the world toward peace, and peace with honor and justice.

In some features the holiday of giving, the day set apart for rejoicing over the birth of the most potent apostle of peace mankind has ever known, wears a more nobly prophetic aspect this year than it has had in a century or a millennium, and thrilling appeals to the faith and brotherly love of good people can be made without in the least overstepping the bounds of truth. The facts are rich in promise, beyond the realization of many eyes weary of long strife and repeated disillusionment. There will be comparatively little danger of exaggeration in the praise of Christmas this glorified day which finds the world scarce able to grasp the full meaning of great events.

But there is another phase of Christmas which is always well worth noting, and especially so when the pace of human progress is quickened by momentous changes toward peace and good will. This is the constant widening and unending conquests of the best of holidays.

Every Christmas is bigger than the one before it. Always the day means more to a greater number of human beings. Year after year its boundaries are extended. Year by year its sunshine is shed upon more of the earth's inhabitants.

This does not necessarily mean the gains of the Christian religion, for Christmas is wider than Christianity. The day of the coming of Jesus is cherished by many millions who have no connection with Christian churches or the faith they profess. The holiday is dear to all who live in land where Christians are most numerous. It wins the devotion of little children and holds their affection as they grow older. For multitudes its observance is not in any sense a rite or belief, but a manifestation of rejoicing in the love of fellow-dwellers in a world which at best has too little sunshine of kindness and affection.

There is no reason to fear that this growth of Christmas will

cease. There is nothing to indicate that it will ever fail to widen the realm of bright hopes and radiant thoughts, shining children's eyes and smiling older faces, when winter days are briefest and darkest, in the more populous half of the earth, and nature leaves most for man to do, in making the world cheerful and life worth while.—Cleveland News-Leader.

U. S. PROHIBITION IS PROVEN SUCCESS, HAYNES DECLARES

ALIENS WHO VIOLATE LAW SHOULD BE DEPORTED HE SAYS.

New Orleans, Dec. 4.—Roy A. Haynes, federal prohibition commissioner, addressing the law enforcement conference of the Anti-Saloon league here today, declared that prohibition in the United States was a success and denied that it is breaking down the morals of the country.

"There never was so drastic a law passed in any civilization which has been so successfully enforced in such a short time," Commissioner Haynes declared. "It is not true that prohibition is breaking down the morals of the country. The law is enforced as well any law on the books."

The commissioner said one of the biggest problems of prohibition enforcement was the alien population. Aliens, he asserted, did not seem to understand the law. He favored educating and showing them the benefits of the law and urged that aliens who violate the Eighteenth amendment repeatedly should be deported.

"But the business man, the professional man and some officials also violate law and the time has come when these must be harshly dealt with," he said.

In supporting his statement that prohibition enforcement was successful Mr. Haynes asserted that before the passage of the law the annual consumption of whiskey was 133,000,000 gallons a year, the present time there are only 38,000,000 gallons in public warehouse; in 1920 the withdrawal was reduced to 12,500,000 gallons and this year would total only 2,000,000 gallons.

Other speakers during the day included Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon league. Geo. D. Goff, assistant attorney general of the United States was the principal speaker at the concluding session of the conference tonight.

At the Christmas Party.

The wise hostess wishes to prevent her young guests from pairing off and remaining with their escorts the entire evening. To change partners in a novel and entertaining way in the course of the evening, have ready a circle of green cardboard divided into as many sections as there are girls present. Write a girl's name in each division. Now cut out a large red pasteboard star, with a white arrow painted on one of the points, and fasten this star to the center of the cardboard circle by means of a large pin. Each boy in turn comes up and spins the star, and the maiden whose name is indicated when the white arrow comes to rest is accorded him as partner. Of course, if a girl's name has already been chosen the boy must spin again. This spinning star will result in much mirth for the young people.

The Courier office has a large stock of oil land lease forms for sale in any quantity from one up. Come to see us for your oil acreage lease forms and all other forms and styles of printing.

Tell him that you saw his ad in the Courier.

NOT A HOLIDAY LIKE ALL OTHERS

Significance of Christmas Is Not Lost; Its Spirits Enters Into Life of World.

It is not likely that all of the multitude of people who eagerly and anxiously prepare to celebrate Christmas are conscious of its sacred character. They know of course that it stands for the anniversary of the birth of the Founder of the Christian religion, but that thought it not uppermost in their minds. To such, for the moment, it is merely a holiday in which they wish to give gifts to persons they care for and wish to please. It is a period in which they forget themselves in order to give joy to others.

In this one thing, though they may not be aware of it, they demonstrate the teaching of the One whose day they observe, for unselfish thought for others is one of the great lessons taught by the Teacher of teachers who was born in Bethlehem of Judea centuries ago. There are Christmas givers today who make no sacrifice when they purchase rich gifts for family or friends; they know no self-denial, though it does not follow that they do not give all their hearts. But with the great mass of givers there is a setting aside of personal wishes and even urgent needs in order that those they love may be glad on that day of the year when all the Christian world rejoices. The self-sacrifice is as nothing compared to the end attained.

On the other hand, a multitude of men and women are spiritually aware of the character of the day. They look back across the centuries to the Child in the manger and see in it the dawn of a new hope to mankind, a revelation of new life, a bond between mortal existence and the hereafter that has given comfort to myriads and a light to the world that grows brighter with the passing of the ages. The gifts that they bestow and those they receive typify to them the greatest of all gifts to the world—the One who came to point the way to eternal life.

No, Christmas for its seeming frivolity and thoughtlessness is not a mere holiday like others. Even the light-minded and heedless ones realize a difference, and if pushed to explain would do so reverently. Under all the hurry and confusion and gayety of the preparations and the celebration the significance of Christmas is not lost. The meaning of the Great Event whose anniversary we observe cannot be escaped. Its spirit has entered into the life of the civilized world.—Indianapolis Star.

St. Nick for the Table.

St. Nick's head is a walnut, his body a rosy apple, his arms are of raisins, his legs macaroni and his shoes Brazil nuts. A hole is bored into each nut to set in the macaroni legs. His beard is of absorbent cotton, his lips of sealing wax; his eyes of apple seeds, while his reindeer are long sweet potatoes with realistic antlers of raisins. A wonderful Santa who serves as a "party" when all other Christmas goodies are gone! Do you want to make such a St. Nick?—Grit.

"Santa Claus."

"Santa Claus" is a corruption which originated in Flanders or possibly among the Dutch, of the name of St. Nicholas, a saint noted for his love of children and his boundless charity. His "day" was perhaps December 8, originally, but since the displacement of Old Father Christmas, the British representation of the Christmas spirit, he is celebrated almost universally as the Christmas saint.

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The Beaumont and Great Northern Railroad hereby gives notice in accordance with Sec. 57, Art. III, Constitution of the State of Texas, that it will apply to the 38th Legislature of the State of Texas for the passage of an act or law among other things authorizing it to purchase that certain railroad which begins at a point in the Town of Trinity, Trinity County, Texas, and extends in an easterly direction through and across the counties, or parts of the counties of Trinity, Polk and Tyler, to a point in the Town of Colmesneil, in Tyler County, Texas, together with the franchises and properties appertaining thereto now owned by The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas and now being operated by the Receiver of its railways and property, and which said line of railroad, franchises and appurtenances are directed to be sold in and by a final decree in that certain consolidated cause pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, at Dallas, entitled: "Central Union Trust Company of New York, Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas, Defendant, in Equity Consolidated Cause No. 2794-50", and in the constituent cause thereof entitled: "Bankers Trust Company, Plaintiff, vs. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas, and Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company, Defendants, in Equity No. 2820-76", and authorizing said The Beaumont and Great Northern Railroad to own, maintain, operate and extend said line of railroad and appurtenances and to exercise said franchises, subject to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and authorizing the purchaser or purchasers of said line of railroad extending from Trinity to Colmesneil, at any sale thereof in pursuance of any order or decree of said Court in said Consolidated Cause or said constituent cause thereof, or any company which such purchaser or purchasers and their associates, if any, may form under the general laws of

this State, for the purpose of acquiring, owning, maintaining and operating said line of railroad, and which shall have acquired same, to sell and convey same and the franchises and appurtenances thereof to said The Beaumont and Great Northern Railroad.

In testimony whereof, The Beaumont and Great Northern Railroad has caused these presents to be executed in its name, by its President, attested by its Secretary, with its corporate seal attached, this 20th day of November, 1922.

The Beaumont and Great Northern Railroad,
By (Signed) C. E. Schaff,
Attest: President.
(Signed) C. S. Sherwin,
Secretary.
(Seal.) 5t.

Bees do not like peppermint, but they will eat candy with potassium ferrocyanide in it, and it does not seem to hurt them.

666 quickly relieves Colds and LaGrippe, Constipation, Biliousness and Headaches.

Crockett Train Schedule.

South Bound.
No. 1, Sunshine Special, 2:45 PM
No. 5, Houston Limited, 1:48 AM
North Bound.
No. 2, Sunshine Special, 2:45 PM
No. 4, Local Passenger, 6:53 PM

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and took it for a headache, and the relief was very quick, and it was so long before I had another headache. Now I just keep the Black-Draught, and don't let myself get in that condition."

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Our Greeting

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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WASHINGTON COMMENT.

The Ku Klux Klan is avowedly a Protestant organization. As such it is anathema to the Catholic church. Because of the regalia worn by the Klan, it is perfectly possible for men who are not Klansmen to wear a similar regalia, and thus thrust upon the Klan the blame for unlawful acts done by hooded men.

Without full and complete evidence it is not possible intelligently to discuss the claim made that the Klan has interfered with or "dominated" the sovereign State of Louisiana. No such evidence is being presented. Various unlawful acts have at times been done by hooded men. Opponents of the Klan charge that all such acts are done by Ku Klux Klansmen. The Klan denies that such acts are done by authority and consent of the order.

Defenders of the Klan say that it is no more reasonable to say that all crimes committed by men who wear a white hood and mask are committed by Klansmen than it is to charge that all thefts committed by burglars are the work of society gentlemen who wear masks at a mask ball.

There is much discussion, pro

and con, going on in Congress regarding the charges and the countercharges about the Klan. The wise heads in Congress, holding the radical element in check, agree that if the Klan does that which is un-American and unlawful, the Klan should, and will, be punished. But until it is proved that un-American and unlawful acts done in the regalia of the Klan are, in fact, done by the Klan, the Klan deserves the same treatment accorded any accused under our system of jurisprudence; it is innocent until proved guilty. All the thunderings of jesuitical mouthings, all the priestly protests, and all the intolerant fanaticism of the church which is its enemy, can not make it otherwise. It is evidence, not opinion, which must indict, and a court of law, not priestly excommunication, which must convict.—Washington Correspondent.

WANTED—Man with car to sell TIRES AND TUBES. Will arrange salary and expenses with right man. Sterlingworth Tire Co., 4361 Main, E. Liverpool, Ohio. 1t.*

Some people never allow their tongues to wag. Wagging is too slow.



Christmas Is Here Again

It slips into the palace of the kings, it softly glides into the peasant's hut, it inhabits a thousand lands; it lingers in a billion hearts.

We sincerely wish that this will be your happiest Christmas and most prosperous New Year.

J. L. Arledge
TAILOR

EDITORIALS BY COL. R. T. MILNER

What the Former A. & M. President Writes in the Rusk County News.

Knowledge is a good thing, but when it can be had under an old Constitution for less expense, why change?

The voters are in no frame of mind at this time to tamper with the Constitution. The next Legislature will do well not to attempt even an amendment just now. We can run our schools and build all the dirt roads that we are able to build under the present Constitution.

The constant passing of laws in Congress by which people can borrow money from the government ought to stop. Every dollar which the government has comes out of the pockets of the tax payers, and there is no sense or justice in the people taxing themselves to lend to each other. As a rule the class of borrowers are speculators, and can easily get along without these loans.

RURAL CREDITS.

And now comes Senator E. F. Ladd of North Dakota and warns the farmers to keep an eye on the "Farmers' Rural Credit Bank," of which we have heard so much during the last year or two, and especially in Texas during the last Senatorial campaign. Ladd is a pretty able man and has been a student of farm problems for years. He was for several years president of the Agricultural College of his State, and was elected to the Senate by the independent voters of North Dakota, although he is a Republican in name. Ladd takes the position that this rural credit scheme is one more step toward centralizing the control of wealth of the Nation. He names men and firms that are active in the movement, some of whom are Ogden L. Mills, Frank A. Vanderlip, Paul M. Warburg, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and other men and firms of Wall Street familiar to the reading world. Senator Ladd says he is also informed that one "Mr. Aaron Sapiro, who has accomplished a great deal in the organization of these co-operatives, and is supposed to represent a great many of them as attorney, which representation affords a comfortable source of income," is in close touch with the manipulators.

Wall Street has the money—billions of it—what the moneyed men want is a system of credit which will reach down to the bottom and so bind the debtor by Federal credit laws that escape will be impossible.

This Senator says what every well-informed person already knows that, under our present Federal reserve act and the results of drastic deflation, the increase of mortgage indebtedness upon the farmers has been monstrous.

Yet Wall Street comes right along with another fascinating scheme—Rural Credits—and it sounds so good to the man who expects to get rich by always borrowing that he sits down and writes to his Senator and Congressman to vote for it. So while the big banks are increasing the reserves and assets, the people are going more and more in debt.

No financial system of banking that provides credit and nothing but credit will ever get us out of debt. Any system that exacts a heavy tax from the producer to keep the "Rural Credits" banks going will not help the farmer. The farmer is already, almost, in the condition where he has to borrow money to pay his taxes.

In South America grows a tree called cowtree, from which excellent milk is obtained.

A Merry Christmas To You



As we draw toward the close of a year of peace and prosperity, there's a special pleasure in sending Christmas and New Year greetings.

We wish to thank you for the many courtesies extended us in the past and to wish for you and yours a Happy Christmas and Bright New Year.

N. L. ASHER

Choosing the Holly.

Superstitious people assert that one should be careful about the choice of the holly for the decorations. Part should be smooth and part prickly. Then providing both kinds are carried into the house at the same time, all will be well. But should

the prickly variety be taken in first, then the husband will rule the household during the coming year; if the smooth is brought first the wife will be "top dog."

The fellow who is persistently looking for something for nothing generally gets all that he is entitled to.



Yuletide Greetings

Think Again

Is There Something Else You Need for Christmas

NOW FOR THE BARGAINS

At the last minute nearly everyone thinks of something that has been overlooked, of someone who has been forgotten.

HERE'S A GOOD SUGGESTION

Come into this store. Look over the many Christmas Articles still on display. It may freshen your memory and save you the embarrassment of remembering when it is too late.

Buying Is Exceptionably Good at This Store Now.

B. F. Chamberlain
DRUGGIST



Herrin Hardware Company

Wishes You

A Merry Christmas

THAT POSTOFFICE BUILDING AGAIN

Stanardsville, Va.,
Dec. 12, 1922.

W. W. Aiken, Crockett, Texas.
Dear Sir:—I beg to hand you herein letter of Hon. Clay Stone Briggs which explains itself. With best wishes, etc.,
W. B. Page.

Washington, D. C.,
December 4, 1922.

Hon. W. B. Page,
Crockett, Texas.
My Dear Mr. Page:

Your recent favor is just at hand, and I desire to assure you of my continued interest in the matter of securing a postoffice building for Crockett at the earliest possible time. I have been collecting necessary data from the treasury and postoffice departments and have also recently conferred with the supervising architect, as well as members of the house committee on public buildings and grounds.

It is the desire of this committee, I understand, to report a public buildings bill at the present session of congress, and, if this is done, I hope to have

authorization included for construction of a postoffice building at Crockett. The morning papers, however, report that the president is opposed to any program for a public buildings bill, and, if this information is correct, it is uncertain as to what course the committee on public buildings will pursue. The practice has been, and is still followed, not to report special bills for the construction of a postoffice building at any one place; but to have hearings upon all bills introduced for postoffice buildings and to report in one measure recommendations for such postoffices as it is felt, from the evidence and facts submitted, are necessary.

You may be sure that I shall leave nothing undone to obtain favorable action upon the bill which I now have pending in congress for the construction of a postoffice building at Crockett.

Sincerely yours,
Clay Stone Briggs.

Christmas Spirit Needed.

None of us can have too much of the Christmas spirit.

You can get plenty of joy out of life if you are willing to accept what you get as joyful.

WELDON MARINE ON U. S. S. ARIZONA

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Cruising about the Pacific and visiting the many seaports along the west coast, Clinton Overton Morrow of Weldon, Texas, is now a member of the U. S. Marine Guard on the dreadnaught Arizona, one of the largest battleships of the Pacific fleet. His name appears on the official roster of that vessel.

Young Morrow, who is a grandson of J. Richard Morrow, was born in Weldon twenty-one years ago, and he joined the U. S. Marines at San Francisco, Cal. For several months he was stationed at Mare Island, Cal., later embarking on the U. S. S. Arizona. Marines on battleships are trained to man the anti-aircraft guns and secondary batteries. They are also kept in a high state of military proficiency by frequent infantry drills, in case they should be required to land on a hostile shore.

In recent months the Arizona has been cruising up and down the west coast, frequently dropping anchor at San Francisco or San Diego, California, where the marines are given permission to go ashore. Occasionally the vessel visits San Pedro, near Los Angeles, and the marines pay visits to that city. Doubtless the Weldon marine will have many interesting experiences to recount of his life on a dreadnaught when he returns home.

Sheriff Candidate Files Expense Account After Election.

The law requires candidates for office to file a report of all expenditures during their campaign. The following is the expense account of a candidate for the office of sheriff, but The News wants it understood, account of certain items, that this candidate didn't live in Trinity county.

Lost 1346 hours thinking about the election and deputies I would appoint, had an argument with one of my opponents and lost the filling out of two of my jaw teeth; donated \$10 to

eight different churches, gave away five pairs of suspenders, four calico dresses, 75c worth of cigars and \$4.30 in cash, burned 187 gallons of gasoline and nine gallons of lubricating oil, had seven punctures and four blow-outs, dug three graves, kissed 126 babies, put up six stoves, kindled fourteen fires, joined three different churches, shook hands with 9543 people, walked 1087 miles, made love to nine widows, hugged forty-eight old maids, got dog-bit twice, attended and took part in sixteen revival meetings, told 10,101 lies, contributed \$50 to home and foreign missions and received 16 votes. Respectfully submitted, _____, former candidate for sheriff.—Grove-ton News.

A Hint to Men.

When she tells you she doesn't want you to bother about giving her a Christmas present don't pay any attention. You know yourself how hurt you would be if she didn't get you one of those ties about which you could boast to your men friends that "you had to wear it once just so the little girl's feelings wouldn't be hurt." And you know, and they know, that you want to let the world know that the "little girl" struggled with the other women to get to the center of the tie counter so she could pick out something for you in her sweet and loving ignorance.

Few of our thoughts are entirely our own. We just can't resist the temptation to share them with other people.

Advertise it in the Courier.

Christmas Greetings

On this our first Christmas, we wish to extend to our many friends our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.



Crockett Filling Station

"Service With A Smile."



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 1923.

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A POLICY OF OBSTRUCTION.

In an address he made a few days ago at a banquet of the Illinois State Bar Association, Chairman Hooper of the railroad labor board declared that the various organizations of railroad employes are industriously engaged in sabotaging the transportation act. He asserted that they are leaving nothing undone to generate such a popular dissatisfaction with that act as will bring about its repeal. Their motive, according to Mr. Hooper, is not so much one of hostility to the transportation act, as of infatuation for the Plumb plan of government ownership. Their belief is, in Hooper's opinion, that if the present scheme of regulation can be made odious to them, the people will despair of any other method of regulation and order government ownership.

Mr. Hooper made several citations to support that charge, and what may be regarded as additional evidence has been forthcoming, since he spoke. It is in the action of those local unions of shopcrafts employes in memorializing congress not to pass the bill, introduced by Senator Sheppard, to enable the Texas & Pacific to effect certain refunding operations. One of the company's purposes is to get additional equipment. It is that purpose which the shopcrafts union allege as the particular ground of their opposition to the pending measure. Their argument is naive to the point of audacity. Certain of the former shopcrafts workers of the Texas & Pacific, they represent, are on strike, and, they have the temerity to add, it would be detrimental to the strikers if the Texas & Pacific should be allowed to get new equipment, for then it would not be embarrassed so much by the idleness of equipment that is made so by lack of necessary repairs.—Galveston News.

WHY NOT?

We admire a man who is strong on civic pride. Such a man, or woman, is a distinct asset to any community.

Too often a town suffers because its citizens immerse themselves in the business of making money, to the utter exclusion of all other considerations.

Always there are a few who believe in improving local conditions. Through their efforts a certain amount is accomplished, but iniform improvement is only brought about when the people as a body are willing to co-operate to that end.

Conditions in our own community would be better, and life would be brighter, if all of our people had the spirit of local improvement and the will to put it into practice.

Why not?

Again we suggest that it is time to look over the field and see if there is any one in our midst who is likely not to be remembered on Christmas day.

How many children who receive their toys on Christmas day will understand why those

toys are given them at that particular time?

You will be spending some money this Christmas—perhaps a considerable amount. We all do. If you will spend it with our home merchants at least a portion of it may find its way back into your own pockets. It often does.

Harding's Second Budget Placed at \$3,274,238,690.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Appropriations aggregating \$3,078,940,331 for the fiscal year beginning next July first were proposed to congress by President Harding in the second annual federal budget. This is exclusive of the postal service and compares with actual appropriations for this fiscal year totalling \$3,274,238,690.

Government expenditures for the coming fiscal year, also exclusive of the postal service, were estimated at \$3,180,843,234 as compared with an estimate of \$3,703,891,671 for this fiscal year and an actual outlay of \$3,795,302,499 for the fiscal year ended last June.

The total federal revenue for 1924 was reckoned at \$3,361,812,359 or an excess of \$180,969,125 over projected expenditures. The estimated revenue for this fiscal year was \$3,429,862,959, or \$273,938,712 less than the expected outlay.

Mr. Harding said, however, that it was hoped to eliminate this deficit before the end of the year, adding that if this hope were not realized the expected surplus for 1924 would give a margin to take care of a deficit. In his message accompanying the detailed budget, the President frankly told congress that whether the country could look forward to any further material reduction in federal expenditures and taxes in future years depended largely upon whether it was curtailment or expansion of federal aid in lines of research, improvement and development.

Fifth Sunday Program.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Neches River association will convene with County Line Baptist church, ten miles north of Apple Springs, Friday night, December 29, 1922.

Seven o'clock, song service led by Bro. G. C. Thomas. Seventhirty p.m., preaching by J. M. Carlton.

Saturday, 9:30 a. m., devotional by Albert Smith. Query No. 1, 10 o'clock, what do Baptists believe, and why do they believe in it; by G. C. Thomas.

Secend query: 11:00 o'clock—What is meant by striving against spiritual wickedness in high places—by H. A. Pyle.

Twelve o'clock, dinner; third query, 1:30; Exegesis, Romans 2nd chapter, 12-14 verses, by G. W. Blakeway; fourth query, 2:30, does God require full time of his ministering servants? If so, from what is there any source to come? Does He (God) hold all concerned responsible for this support, by J. M. Carlton; fifth query, 3:00; Exegesis, Revelations 13 chapter, 1-3 verses, by T. M. Buller; sixth query, 3:30, what constitutes regeneration—by G. C. Thomas; 7:00 p. m., devotional, R. W. Ainsworth; 7:30 p. m., preaching by G. C. Thomas.

Sunday morning, 10:00 a. m., song service led by G. C. Thomas; 10:30, Sunday school, by J. M. Carlton and others; 11:00 a. m., preaching by J. M. Buller; 12:00, dinner; 1:30 p. m. board meeting.

Committee—Albert Smith, G. W. Rice, H. A. Pyle.

Give Photographs.

Don't mind what your looking-glass tells you! She is prejudiced in your favor and she'll cherish your photograph and tell you it doesn't really do you justice. So have it taken and give it to her for Christmas. The camera has stood many a shock and will doubtless stand many more to come.

FIRST CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGNED

First Decorated Yuletide Greeting Made for Sir Henry Cole in 1843.

English Notes and Queries has the names of three men who at one time or another have been credited with designing the first Christmas card. W. C. T. Dobson has some claim to making the first Christmas card in 1844, but John C. Horsley made a Christmas card for Sir Henry Cole in 1843 and later began the publication of such cards.

But there is nothing particularly new in the origin of pictures sent to remind friends of some particular event. The custom was very old in China, from which country so many customs came to be known as very old and later they were established in Europe. In the Chinese laundries pictures in red and black used to be familiar to the man going for his weekly wash. They were Chinese New Year cards which remained on the walls until the next New Year came around. But the sale of Christmas cards as a business came in about 1845 or 1846. The American-made cards some years later have the credit for introducing quality and artistic design into Christmas card printing.

On New Year's day Japanese merchants send their patrons cards with greetings of the season. An elaborate symbolism is used in conveying the Japanese messages, and when it is known the stork is supposed to live a thousand years and the turtle ten thousand, their significance on the cards is readily understood; they say to the recipient, "We wish you a long life." The pine tree, everlastingly green, is a symbol of good fortune; the fan means increasing good fortune.

The seven gods of good fortune occupy prominent places on the New Year's cards. They are Ebisu, happiness; Daikoku, prosperity; Benten, music; Fotei, charity; Giro, long life; Fukuroku, good luck, and Bishamon, protection against evil.

Cleveland is to have an apartment house costing \$3,000,000 and capable of accommodating 1000 families in suites ranging from four to twelve rooms.

N. H. PHILLIPS

LAWYER

Offices First National Bank Building

Telephone No. 392 CROCKETT, TEXAS

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

Restores Health, Energy and Rosy Cheeks. 60c



BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS. Stamp out Tuberculosis.

All Baking Powders Look Alike—BUT

Is your baking powder absolutely pure? Royal is.

Is your baking powder absolutely wholesome? Royal is.

Is your baking powder unvarying in strength under all conditions? Royal is.

Is your baking powder economical in keeping baked foods fresh longer and making home baking so satisfactory that it takes the place of more expensive food? Royal is.

Royal Contains No Alum Leaves No Bitter Taste



Christmas and Twelfth Day.

The festival of the Nativity was never held on any other day than the 25th of December. The ancient observance of the feast, however, continued for 12 days, or in ecclesiastical language, "an octave and a half," other festival days having an "octave" or eight days of observance only. Hence, the last day of the feast was termed the Twelfth day, Little Christmas, (among the French) and Old Christmas day in some parts of England. It was in 813 A. D. that the Epiphany was first celebrated as a distinct festival, at the end of the Christmas celebration proper. The day has its own observances, twelfth day cake, king of the feast, the mystical bean in the cake, etc., etc., but is now usually celebrated as "le jour de

roi," by the French people, or as the festival of Epiphany, the Greek word for manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles.

Advertising must of necessity be creative. A falling market will not stand the heavy overhead of inefficient distribution, and you must have quantity production if you are to profit under new conditions. Create the new market, do your prospect a real service and you can depend upon the law of action and reward. People just can't help being human and grateful. Do a man a service and you will get his business.—Babson.

Your best friends are not always the ones with whom you are most intimate.



To My Patrons

AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL.

I take this means of extending to you a special invitation to visit my store.

I have a full stock of staple and fancy Groceries, fresh Vegetables of all kinds, Fruits, Candies, Nuts, Fireworks, Ammunition and all kinds of Feed Stuff.

We have a complete line of Granite-ware, Zinc Tubs, Buckets and Dippers and many other good things selling at a very close price.

I again invite you to call on us, give us your order and feel assured that you will get the best service that can be had. We deliver all orders amounting to one dollar.

Look our stock over before buying your Christmas goodies.

I Also Buy Your Produce and Furs

W. N. BLAIR

Staple and Fancy Groceries. North Side of Square. Phone 29.

You have our
heartiest wishes for a
most enjoyable
Christmas



**EDMISTON MOTOR
COMPANY**

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Davis Denny of Houston is here to spend the holiday vacation.

Mrs. J. B. Minor of Troup is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. T. Harrison.

Mrs. George Kelley of Longview is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. W. Young.

B. F. Chamberlain Jr. of Port Arthur will spend the holiday season with his parents in this city.

Frank Rice and family left last week for Houston to make their home. Mr. Rice recently sold out near Crockett.

Mrs. Armistead Aldrich and little daughter of Colbert, Okla., will arrive soon after Christmas to visit their parents and grandparents.

Miss Milo Saxon returned Tuesday from a trip to Baird, Eastland and other points in the west, accompanied by her cousin, T. B. Satterwhite, and his daughter of Caddo, Texas.

Miss Mary Spence is at home from Lovelady for the holiday season.

Misses Bessie Satterwhite, Bennie Hallmark and Florence Satterwhite are at home from school in Huntsville.

Misses Nell Beasley and Bella Lipscomb, teaching at Port Arthur, will be at home in Crockett for the holiday vacation.

Misses Minnie Craddock and Louise Denny, teaching in Dallas, will spend Christmas with relatives and friends in Crockett.

Misses Beth Lundy and Nodelle Jordan, teaching at Jacksonville and Center, will be at home in this city for the holiday vacation.

Miss Dorothy Ellen Shivers, home from the Presbyterian school at Milford, will spend the holiday vacation with her parents in this city.

Miss Grace Denny, teaching at Dallas, Miss Sue Denny at Waco and Miss Bee Denny at Galveston, will spend the holiday vacation with relatives and friends here.

Tell him that you saw his ad in the Courier.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Courier extends to its patrons the compliments of the season and wishes for them all the Christmas happiness possible.

To My Patrons.

I will have on a money-saving sale Saturday, December 23, and will appreciate your business. I thank you for past patronage and solicit your continuance for 1923.

J. E. Johnson,
The Farmer's Friend,
The Store That Leads,
1t. Kennard, Texas.

Across the Sea and Land

Comes to us, at this glad season, the cry of the orphaned millions who are suffering, straving, freezing, as the result of Turkish brutality.

Let us hear this pitiful cry and, out of our abundance, share our blessings with God's little ones so far away.

Through the Near East Relief you can lend a helping hand. I will be glad to forward your contributions.

A. A. Aldrich.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Houston.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain execution issued out of the Honorable County Court of Tarrant County, for Civil cases, on the 1st day of December, 1922, by Bart Mynatt, Clerk of said County Court, for the sum of Seven Hundred Seventy-seven & 50-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of George R. Lipe, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 20,846, and styled George R. Lipe vs. L. L. Murray et al., placed in my hands for service, I, O. B. Hale, as Sheriff of Houston County, Texas, did, on the 11th day of December, 1922, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Houston County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

A part of the John Box league about 20 miles East from the City of Crockett and described as follows: Beginning at the S. W. corner of the A. J. McLemore homestead tract on the South or S. W. boundary line of the John Box league stake for corner, original bearing gone; Thence N. 30 E. with division line between McLemore and DuPuy lands at 4118 varas to a stake for corner on East or N. B. line of said Box league a pine mkd. X; Thence N. 59 W. with said Box line at 535 varas to the S. E. corner of the La. and Texas Lumber Company tract, formerly Kaugman tract; Thence S. 30 W. with the line of said tract at 1188 varas, the S. W. corner of same; Thence N. 59 W. with line of said 100 acres tract at 475 varas stake for corner the N. W. corner of said 100 acre tract on division line between the DuPuy tract and tract of 670 acres formerly known as McLean tract; Thence S. 30 W. with the North or N. W. line of the DuPuy tract at 2900 varas to the West or N. W. corner of the DuPuy 576 2/3 acres tract on South West line of said Box league; Thence S. 59 E. at 960' vrs. to the place of beginning, containing 576 2/3 acres of land more or less, and including the homestead and residence of the DuPuy family save and except the West 200 acres herein designated as our homestead: And being the same land conveyed to Frances E. Murray by Mrs. W. B. DuPuy et al. by deed dated the 29th day of November, 1921, and shown of record in volume 103, page 171, Deed Records of Houston County, Texas. Save and except the West 200 acres set aside as a homestead; and levied upon as the property of L. L. Murray and Mrs. L. L. Murray, and that on the first



**TO OUR FRIENDS
AND PATRONS**

As co-workers with you in a world that is today full of new inspirations and good things, we greet you.

Sincerely wishing you and yours a merry Christmas—not in a perfunctory manner because custom has made it the proper thing to do. But in the hearty hope that your Christmas may be filled with all the happiness your being longs for. And may you find on hope's Christmas tree your heart's desire.

The Vogue Millinery

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

When you eat your Christmas dinner the thought may come to you that this is a fairly good country in which to live—a country for which no apologies are required.

We have much for which to be thankful on the great day which all Christian nations celebrate.

We have law and order to a reasonable extent, and are without serious internal troubles.

We have prosperity far in excess of that enjoyed by any other portion of the world.

We have a population of strong, healthy and highly intelligent people, with a growing generation that will prove worthy sons and daughters of their parents.

We have an educational system that is not surpassed anywhere on earth, a system that produces men and women who have been taught to think and act for themselves.

Tuesday in February, 1923, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door of Houston County, in the City of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said execution, I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said L. L. Murray and Mrs. L. L. Murray.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper published in Houston County.

Witness my hand, this 11th day of December, 1922.

O. B. Hale,
Sheriff, Houston County, Texas.

Never tell a woman that she has the world at her feet. It is a reflection upon their size.

**CHRISTMAS
GIFT
SUGGESTIONS**



For Ladies

- Richelieu Pearls
- Diamonds
- Wrist Watches
- Mesh Bags
- Rings
- Eversharp Sets
- Bar Pins
- Cameos
- Ear Screws
- Beads
- Stationery
- Piekard China
- Cut Glass
- Bread or Cheese Boards (Hand Painted)
- Silverware
- White Ivory
- Kodaks
- Fountain Pens

For Gentlemen

- Watches
- Charms
- Chains
- Cuff Links
- Fountain Pens
- Eversharp Sets
- Belts
- Silver Buckles
- Tie Pins
- Emblems
- Rings
- Gold Knives
- Pipes
- Cigars
- Bibles

For Children

- Sterling Child Sets
- Rings
- Necklaces
- Pins
- Pin Sets
- Pearls
- Kodaks
- Footballs
- Books etc.



John F. Baker
THE REXALL STORE



With grateful appreciation of all the favors received by us from you and for that priceless though intangible asset, your Good Will, which we prize beyond measure

We seek to merit your continued confidence and aim to serve you faithfully in the future.

Sincerely,

Dan J. Kennedy

We wish you the
old, old wish

A Mery Christmas and
A Happy New Year



J. W. Bennett

* LOCAL NEWS ITEMS *

Christmas Wedding Announced.

Wednesday, December 13, Miss Jeanette Craddock entertained with a buffet luncheon honoring her friend and former teacher, Mrs. Henry Klein of New York, and to announce the coming wedding of two of our most popular and beloved young people. The attractiveness and cheerfulness of the home, with the Christmas suggestions in the decorations throughout, reminded us that the holidays had indeed come and every one seemed to catch the spirit of mystery that pervades this blessed season.

With all the peeping and merry guess work, the secret kept until after the luncheon, when the resourceful little hostess called for news items for the paper. Last of all she read her news, the announcement that "Mr. Weldon Craddock and Miss Delha Mildred Wootters will be married Thursday, December 28, 1922."

Immediately following this most interesting item the dainty little bride-to-be received many

congratulations and good wishes from all the gay party, but this impromptu toast by Mrs. Klein expressed most clearly what every one had in mind:

May love be true to you—
Joy stay close to you,
And fortune search her
Treasure house through
And through for you.
A Guest.

Grounds School News.

Only one more week to Christmas! Every one is looking forward to the holidays with joyous anticipations of the days of rest and pleasure in store for them. Amid all our festivities and pleasures let us not forget our greatest friend, that being that God endowed with so much love—our mother. We who have our mothers with us yet, let us strive to make this Christmas one of happiness and pleasure for them. If you haven't a mother living, try to be the boy or girl that she would have you be if she were living.

There will be a Christmas tree at the school house on Saturday night, December 23. Every one is invited to be with us and help make it an enjoyable evening.

On Friday, December 14, Miss

Barnett was with us again and gave us our first lessons in sewing which consisted of hemming a cup towel. Our club as finally organized consists of twenty-two members and has been named "The Four-Leaf Clover Club." Our meeting days are the first and third Wednesdays of each month. We would like to see reports from other clubs in the county.
Reporter.

KEEP PEACE AND GOOD WILL.

Annually, the spirit of Christmas descends upon the world. For a little space the enmities and animosities, the trials and annoyances of workaday life, the sorrows and anxieties are forgotten. Humanity, prosperous, turns its thoughts to humanity in suffering, and seeks to bring to those in want and in distress at least a fragment of the spirit which is abroad throughout the land.

Then memory turns back to old friends, perhaps almost forgotten in the rush of the year's affairs, kindly thoughts and pleasant recollections fill the mind. One turns naturally to the greeting and the gift as a means of expressing the joy of Christmas which in the heart, and on each of us is impressed anew the thought that it is more blessed to give than to receive, giving not only material gifts, but friendship, kindness and good will.

And then, when the brief holiday season is over, when the Christmas greens have disappeared and the world is again in its drab working clothes, the spirit of Christmas vanishes. Again the suspicions and jealousies and envy show themselves. Again we forget the old friends, and the happy memories of other days are submerged under the pressure of the business of today.

One cannot keep alive always a holiday spirit. If that were attempted, the work of the world would never be done. It is not desirable to attempt to keep with us for more than a few days each year the spirit of Christmas jollity and good cheer. That joyous atmosphere would lose its zest were we to try to live in it for long.

But perhaps the underlying spirit of Christmas could be kept alive more constantly in our hearts. Perhaps the love and friendliness, and the tendency to forget injuries and rise above the pettiness of life which manifest themselves at Yuletide, could be retained beyond the Twelfth Night and made a part of our daily live until next Christmas.

We need not exchange gifts or greetings. We need not go about with holiday jollity in our countenances. But we can keep and cherish and augment by daily use the ideal of peace and good will toward men, which is the essence of the Christmas spirit, and by so doing make the world a better place in which to live.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

No Respector of Persons.

Christy Mathewson, the idol of thousands of baseball fans, has been lending his aid to make the 1922 sale of tuberculosis seals a success.

For the past two years Christy has been a tuberculosis patient at Saranac Lake, New York. While taking the cure he had plenty of time to get acquainted with the method by which the money raised from the sale of tuberculosis seals is used.

In a recent statement Christy Mathewson said: "Tuberculosis is no respector of persons! Your dearest relative or friend may contract the disease today! 'Do your bit' by buying some Christmas seals today, thereby helping to destroy this terrible 'white plague'."

The Texas Public Health Association is now conducting the 15th annual tuberculosis seal sale in Texas. The early reports indicate that the sale this year will be larger than that of 1921. An increased seal sale will make possible more preventive health work during the coming year.



At the Holiday Season
We express to you our
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favors and wish you a
Happy Christmas
and a
Prosperous New Year.

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**CHRISTMAS TIME
OPENS THE HEART**

**It Is the Gladsome Season When
the Happiest People Are Those
Who Give the Most.**

To say Christmas is to open the eyes of the mind and the doors of the heart to the dearest recollections of our childhood; and those fond and shadowy remembrances mean little unless they create in us the desire to have Christmas mean as much to children today as it meant to us when we were tiny.

For Christmas, the birthday of an immortal child, was, is and must remain especially the festival of the bright innocence of infancy. That is why we resent it when some overliteral and painfully conscientious person rises up in duty bound to declare there is no Santa Claus. Such joy-killers, robbing the nursery of an illusion cherished, would take away the fairy tales and quell the spirit of adventure and flood every mystery of shadowland with the light of common day.

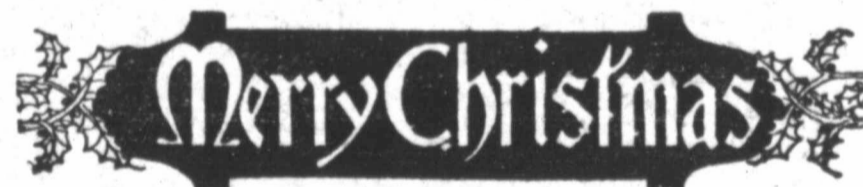
Let no improving modernist tamper with the old-time, tradi-

tional observance of Christmas. We need for the life of our own souls the Christmas tree and the Yule log at the domestic hearth, and the stockings hung a-row, and the joyful clatter of the great morning, and the dinner with the family gathered round in glad reunion.

We need the sweet custom of the interchange of tokens, when into that custom there creeps no accent of compulsion, no hint of a mercenary calculation. For we know that it is of the very essence of Christmas to give, not to receive. The blessing rests on those whose love, "great enough to hold the world," seeks outlet on this day to other lives—cramped and pinched, alone and poor, meager in comfort, facing the day without a smile and the night without the pillow of a hope.

It is a wretched celebration of the time to shut oneself in with a surfeit of a feast and a piled hoard of gifts and exult that we have so much. Those whose Christmas is the merriest, whose coming year is certain to be nappiest, are those who give the most away, and in the giving give themselves.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Do your Christmas shopping before Christmas.



May the spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" enter our hearts this Christmastide. Forgetting the animosities that have beset us in the past and thinking in terms of forgiveness and charity to our fellow-men.

It is with a sense of deepest appreciation that we extend thanks to our customers for their patronage during the past year, and to all we wish a very

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at this
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